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**Jones Tract Pumpout to Begin Week of July 11**

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources announced today that pumping at Upper and Lower Jones Tracts, flooded by a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee break on June 3, 2004, will begin the week of July 11.

Ford Construction Company, Inc., of Lodi is currently installing eight 42-inch pumps and two 30-inch pumps to begin the dewatering project. Contract terms call for the level of floodwater on the 12,000 acre island to be reduced three feet by the middle of August and the dewatering to be completed by mid-October.

The ten pumps being installed have the capacity to move water at a rate of 850 cubic feet per second, but, will probably be run at a rate of 500 to 600 cfs. That will allow for better fuel-efficiency and less strain on the equipment while still pumping down the floodwater by one inch per day.

Meanwhile, The Dutra Group of San Rafael continues final shaping on fill material used to close the 400 foot levee breach on June 30. Approximately 200,000 tons of rock were used to fix the break.

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